

Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human

Part 4: A New Start

1. In Fact, Our Sinful Addictions Are Like Slave Masters...

2. What Do You Call Someone Who Is A Captive?

Romans 6:16- we are slaves to whatever we obey...

Hebrews 12:1- sin easily entangles us

Romans 6:20- sin is our slave master

3. If We're Honest One Addiction Just Replaces Another...

4. We Don't Need Help, We Need To Be Set Free

Ephesians 1:7-10- "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom & insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven & things on earth."

5. Jesus' Blood Paid Our Ransom:

Revelation 5:9- "And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll & to open its seals, for you were slain, & by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe & language & people & nation,"

1 Peter 1:18-19- "knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not w/ perishable things such as silver or gold, but w/ the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb w/out blemish or spot."

6. Jesus Makes Us Totally Free

John 8:36- "If the Son sets you free will be free indeed"

Galatians 5:1a- "For freedom Christ has set us free..."

7. No, We Are Not Free To Go Back To Our Old Master

Romans 6:15-22- "What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, &, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once

presented your members as slaves to impurity & to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin & have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification & its end, eternal life."

8. We Have Been Delivered, But We Aren't Home Yet

9. One Day We Will Be Done Fighting & We Will Laugh At Them

Colossians 2:15- "He disarmed the rulers & authorities & put them to open shame, by

John 19:30- "When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," & he bowed his head & gave up his spirit."

Luke 19:10- "For the Son of Man came to seek & to save the lost"

Galatians 5:1b- "stand firm therefore, & do not submit again to a yoke of slavery"

1 John 1:8-10- "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, & the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, & his word is not in us."

2 Timothy 4:6-7- "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, & the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."